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ACTING GOVERNING MAYOR AMREH APPROACHED US URGENT THIS MORNING RE INCURSIONS BY EAST GERMAN PEOPLE'S POLICE INTO STEINSTUCKEN AREA OF WEST BERLIN WHICH TWICE TOOK PLACE EARLY TODAY. AFTER CONFIRMATION OF BASIC FACTS AND FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH AMREH, FOLLOWING SELF-EXPLANATORY PROTEST TELEPHONE BY GENERAL HAMLETT TO SOVIET COMMANDANT GENERAL ZAKHAROV:

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BEGIN TEXT.

I MUST BRING TO YOUR URGENT ATTENTION FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS OF THE BORDERS OF THE AMERICAN SECTOR OF BERLIN WHICH TOOK PLACE THIS MORNING IN THE STEINSTUCKEN AREA. RELIABLE REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED THAT, AT APPROXIMATELY 0515 HOURS, AT LEAST 20 MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S POLICE PENETRATED DEEPLY INTO STEINSTUCKEN, APPARENTLY IN SEARCH OF SOMEONE. AFTER HAVING BEEN INFORMED BY INHABITANTS OF STEINSTUCKEN THAT THEY WERE ON WEST BERLIN TERRITORY AND REQUESTED TO LEAVE, THEY WITHDREW. HOWEVER, SHORTLY AFTER THE ENTIRE AREA OF STEINSTUCKEN WAS SURROUNDED BY SOME 800 MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S POLICE. AT APPROXIMATELY 0900 HOURS A FURTHER GROUP OF PEOPLE'S POLICE ENTERED STEINSTUCKEN ONCE AGAIN CLEARLY VIOLATING THE SECTOR BOUNDARIES. THEY PAID NO HEED TO THE FACT THAT STEINSTUCKEN IS INDISPUTABLE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE AMERICAN SECTOR OF BERLIN AS ESTABLISHED BY QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENTS TO WHICH THE SOVIET UNION IS A PARTY.

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I MUST ACCORDINGLY STRONGLY PROTEST TO YOU THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE PEOPLE'S POLICE, AND EXPECT YOU TO TAKE ALL MEASURES NECESSARY TO INSURE THAT VIOLATIONS OF THE BOUNDARY OF THE AMERICA SECTOR OF WEST BERLIN DO NO RECUR. I SHOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING CONFIRMATION FROM YOU THAT SUCH MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN.

END TEXT.

MAY BE NOTED THAT VOPOS WERE REPORTEDLY IN PURSUIT OF ESCAPING VOPO OFFICER WHO TOOK REFUGE IN STEINSTUCKEN. AFTER SECOND INCURSION, HE APPARENTLY LOST HIS NERVE AND GAVE HIMSELF UP.

IN AGREEMENT WITH WEST BERLIN OFFICIALS WHO HAVE ALREADY GIVEN PUBLICITY TO INCIDENT, WE ARE RELEASING TEXT OF PROTEST TO PRESS.

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